Schemes for Developoment and Export of Handicrafts and Handloom Products

372. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAIPATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the development and export of handicrafts and handloom products in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard during the remaining period of 8th five year Plan.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) No seperate scheme have been drawn up for the development and export of handicrafts and handlooms products in Gujarat. However for the overall development and export of handicrafts and handlooms in the country including the State of Gujarat, the Government through State corporation/Apex Societies/Primary Societies and Voluntary Organisations are implementing various schemes. The schemes include: organisation of marketing programmes; marketing development support; setting of crafts/handloom development centres; project package; training; design development; handloom development under rural development programmes like IRDP, IAY, JRY and TRYSEM: margin money for destitute weavers; workshed-cum-housing; thrift fund; group insurance; health package; sponsoring sales-cum-study team abroad; participation in fairs/festivals; organisation of buye-seller meet; conducting of seminars and workshops.

(c) All the existing schemes mentioned in reply to part (a) and (b) of the question will be continued in the remaining period of 8th Plan.

Possible U.S. sanctions against India

373. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is facing with a possible US sanctions for building a pesticide plant in Iran;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any indications from the U.S. in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) US Administration have conveyed their apprehension about the possibility of the pesticide plant being used for chemical weapon purposes.

(c) Government have conveyed that India is committed to non-proliferation of chemical weapons and honouring its international commitment under the Chemical weapons convention to which it is a signatory.

दिल्ली में द्रुत गति वाली ट्राम चलाने की योजना

374. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में द्रुत गति वाली ट्राम चलाने की योजना आरंभ करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो योजना के कब तक आरंभ होने की संभावना है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या दिल्ली की यातायात समस्या हल करने के लिए कोई वैकल्पिक योजना बनाई गई है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी० जी० वेंकटरामन): (क) और (ख) जी हां। दिल्ली में द्रुत गति वाली ट्राम चलाए जाने संबंधी प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास विचाराधीन है।

फिलहाल यह बता पाना संभव नहीं है कि इस स्कीम को कब तक शुरू कर दिया जाएगा।